CLAIMS

1.   A method for providing an electronic editor tool for an on-line educational system, comprising:

provuding on-line content concerning educational materials for a particular educational course;

providing on-line an electronic syllabus for the educational course, the syllabus identifying units, assignments, and educational materials for the educational course;

selectively permitting users on-line to edit the content; and

automatically implementing the on-line editing to the content for subsequent display.

2.   The method of claim 1 wherein the permitting step includes:

receiving on-line a request from a user to edit the content;

verifying the user; and

permitting the user to edit the content based upon the verifying.

3.   The method of claim 1 wherein the permitting step includes:

receiving a request to edit a particular feature in the content; and

retrieving and displaying the particular feature for editing.

4.   The method of claim 1 wherein the permitting step includes retrieving and displaying a default template for editing based upon the content.

5.   The method of claim 1 wherein the permitting step includes retrieving default content for use in on-line editing of the content.

6.   The method of claim 5, further including automatically rendering the default content for a particular portion of the content.

7.   The method of claim 1 wherein the permitting step includes retrieving default styles for use in on-line editing of the content.

8.   The method of claim 1, further including:

displaying tabs identifying portions of the content;

selectively permitting users on-line to edit the content via selection of the tabs; and

automatically implementing the on-line editing to the content for subsequent display.

9.   The method of claim 8, further including retrieving and displaying an identification of default content based upon the selected tab.

10.   The method of claim 8, further including retrieving and displaying an identification of a default style based upon the selected tab.

11.   An apparatus for providing an electronic editor tool for an on-line educational system, comprising:

a content module for providing on-line content concerning educational materials for a particular educational course;

a syllabus module for providing on-line an electronic syllabus for the educational course, the syllabus identifying units, assignments, and educational materials for the educational course;

an edit module for selectively permitting users on-line to edit the content; and

an implementation module for automatically implementing the on-line editing to the content for subsequent display.
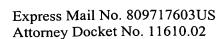
12.   The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the edit module includes:

a request module for receiving on-line a request from a user to edit the content;

a verification module for verifying the user; and

a module for permitting the user to edit the content based upon the verification.

13.   The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the edit module includes:

a request module for receiving a request to edit a particular feature in the content; and

a retrieve module for retrieving and displaying the particular feature for editing.

14.   The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the edit module includes a module for retrieving and displaying a default template for editing based upon the content.

15.   The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the edit module includes a module for retrieving default content for use in on-line editing of the content.

16.   The apparatus of claim 15, further including a module for automatically rendering the default content for a particular portion of the content.

17.   The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the edit module includes a module for retrieving default styles for use in on-line editing of the content.

18.   The apparatus of claim 11, further including:

a module for displaying tabs identifying portions of the content;

a module for selectively permitting users on-line to edit the content via selection of the tabs; and

a module for automatically implementing the on-line editing to the content for subsequent display.

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19.   The apparatus of claim 18, further including a module for retrieving and

displaying an identification of default content based upon the selected tab.

20.   The apparatus of claim 18, further including a module for retrieving and

displaying an identification of a default style based upon the selected tab.